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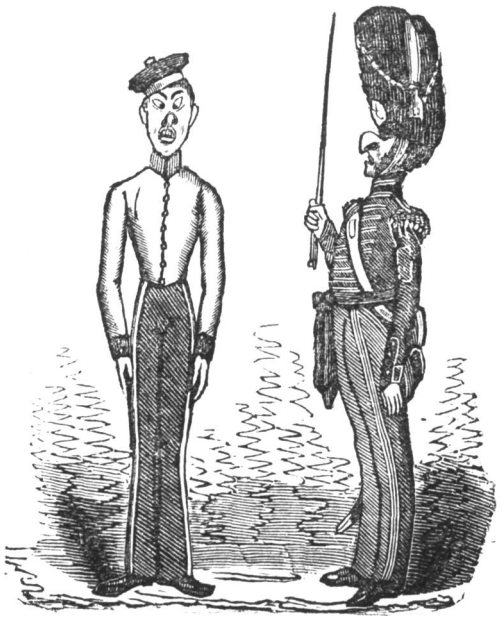
THE COMIC OFFERING.

BY LOUISA HENRIETTA SHERIDAN.

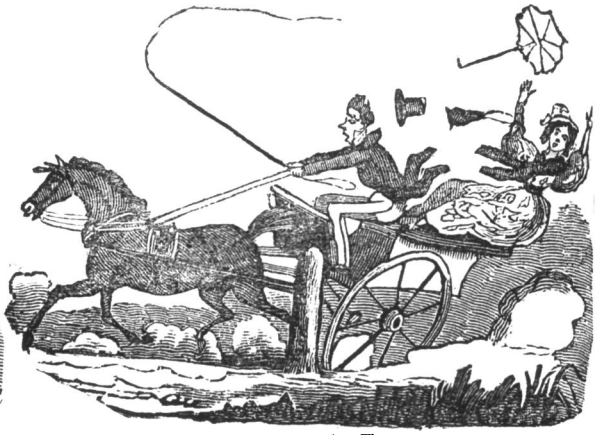
Among a number "of old friends, with new faces" the "Comic Offering" for 1835 presented itself to our notice; and although, from the elegance of their outward trappings, as well as from the intrinsic value of their inward contents, some of the others seemed to bespeak our earliest attention, still, being at the moment in a mood rather to have our fancy tickled than our mind or our imagination deeply impressed, we turned mechanically, we might say instinctively, to Miss Sheridan's little work, which we find is equally full of fun and frolic as her last year's "Offering." Indeed, were it merely for the humour and point in the engravings, we might fairly recommend it to the patronage and support of our laughter-loving countrymen. As it is an old adage, however, that example goes far beyond precept, we shall allow our readers to judge of its merits by giving them, in our rude way, a copy of *four* out of *sixty designs*, with which the little work is embellished; and by adding to these, one of the *least* comical, though certainly not *worst* stories in the volume, together with a specimen of the poetry, we think they will be able to form a tolerably correct opinion.

Organic remains!



"Eyes right!"
"Please, Sir, I cawn't!"

Offer of a *hand!*



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THE MYSTERIOUS LODGER—A FACT.

BY THE AUTHOR OF "THE MAN WHO CARRIED HIS OWN BUNDLE."

An uncommonly dull season at the demi-semi-fashionable bathing town of Scratchby had concluded, leaving things in a more melancholy state of stagnation than it had found them! The few migrating idlers who had ventured thither, fled before the chilling blast of an early autumn; the proprietors of furnished villas and apartments were in despair. Tradesmen scarcely dared look at the gazette, lest they should behold their own names among the bankrupts; the milliners walked about with rueful looks, dressed in their own unsold finery, wondering how it was to be paid for; and the owners of bathing machines were ready to drown themselves off their own steps!

Dismal November, with all its fogs had set in; and if